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***From the Office of the Director of Health***

### **Annual Conference Offers Education and Services to Child Care Providers**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Missouri Child Care Provider Health Conference offers educational workshops and health screenings to child care providers in southwest Missouri.

“This is a great opportunity for child care providers to learn more about their profession, earn clock hours and receive important medical screenings,” says event coordinator Tammy Vestal. “By collaborating with partner agencies, we are able to provide a wealth of services, and keep the registration cost low.”

Education workshops will include information on second hand smoke, supporting breastfeeding mothers, managing childhood stress, asthma and allergies, safe sleep practices for infants, and more. Ten medical screenings will be offered, including blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar, as well as vision, dental and hearing tests. Breast exams and flu shots will also be provided.

The conference will be held October 20 from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Information Commons West Auditorium on the campus of Ozarks Technical Community College, located at 1001 E. Brower in Springfield. The cost is \$5.00 with pre-registration, or \$10.00 at the door. To pre-register, call (417) 887-3545 ext. 218 or 1-800-743-8497.

Nearly 150 child care providers attended the conference last year. Partner agencies include Child Care Resource and Referral, Community Partnership – Educare, OACAC Head Start, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Ozarks Technical Community College, Southwest District Health Office, St. John’s Health Systems, Forest Institute’s Murney Clinic and Cox Health Systems.

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